Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents Staunton VA

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

09/16/08

Present:

Wendy Young, Vice Chair

Jim Strock, Secretary

Joe Tuell, CCCA Fac. Dir.

Mark Seymour, DMHMRSAS/Advocate

Kathryn Dickerson, Affiliate: Liberty Point

Paul Krikau, Member

Greg Czyszczon, Member

Pam White, CCCA LHRC Liaison

Teresa Kennedy, Affiliate: Family Preservation Svcs.

Robin Telch, Affiliate: Liberty Point

Absent:

Macy Fox, Vice Chair

Minutes Prepared by: Pamela White, CCCA Liaison

Approved by: Jim Strock, Secretary

	CURRENT AGENDA	FUTURE AGENDA
17	Call to Order; Review of Minutes	Call to Order; Review of Minutes
2.	General: Affiliated Programs	General: Affiliated Programs
3.	Advocate's Report	3. Advocate's Report
4.	CCCA Facility Director's Report	CCCA Facility Director's Report
5.	Adjourn	 The next regular CCCA LHRC meeting has been scheduled for 11/18/08 @ 6:00pm.

Wendy Young-Chair called the meeting to order with a review of the CCCA LHRC minutes of 07/15/08.

Action: The CCCA LHRC minutes of 07/15/08 were approved as presented.

General discussion items from the affiliated programs that were represented include:

Teresa Kennedy, Affiliate: Family Preservation Services reported that her parent company had applied for a license to operate 2 programs in Rockbridge County and that the virtual residential program was growing. Mark Seymour-Advocate commented that the Harrisonburg-Rockingham program would not have an affiliated LHRC until the Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC met in October and recommended that the CCCA LHRC accept Family Preservation Services of Harrisonburg-Rockingham pending the affiliation review and approval at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC meeting.

Regarding Affiliate: Harrisonburg Office of Lutheran Family Services, Mr. Seymour reported that Paula

Reynolds would be succeeding Justine Waits as the human rights liaison.

c. Regarding Affiliate: Shenandoah House/Intercept, Mr. Seymour announced that Sam Williams was the

acting Manager of the program.

Kathryn Dickerson-Affiliate: Liberty Point reported that a new program was under development with input and review by Mr. Seymour. The new program will incorporate an easier point system for the residents to reaffirm positive experiences.

Action: The CCCA LHRC accepted the affiliation of Family Preservation Services of Harrisonburg-Rockingham pending review at the upcoming Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB LHRC meeting and will revisit it's status at the next meeting The CCCA also thanked the affiliates present for their informal updates regarding their programs.

- 3. Mark Seymour-DMHMRSAS/Advocate presented his Advocate's Report, commenting that the July 1st change in legislation regarding Temporary Detaining Orders (TDOs) which now has language of likely to do harm to self or others could result in an increase in TDOs at a time when psychiatric beds are being reduced. He acknowledged the emphasis on mandatory outpatient treatment. Mr. Seymour thanked the CCCA LHRC members for their participation in the human rights LHRC training that he will present immediately following the regular meeting.
- 4. Joe Tuell-Facility Director presented the Facility Director's Report, announcing that as part of a grant initiative, the Center would be providing staff training regarding a reduction in the usage seclusion and restraint. He reported that the Center had recently made available one of its child/adolescent psychiatrists to Southwestern Va. Mental Health Institute to assist with coverage at that facility; CCCA also worked to manage census during this period to handle admissions to both facilities. Mr. Tuell commented that there had been no new budget news and that the Center's Average Length of Stay has continued on a downward trend.